



History of Special Forces





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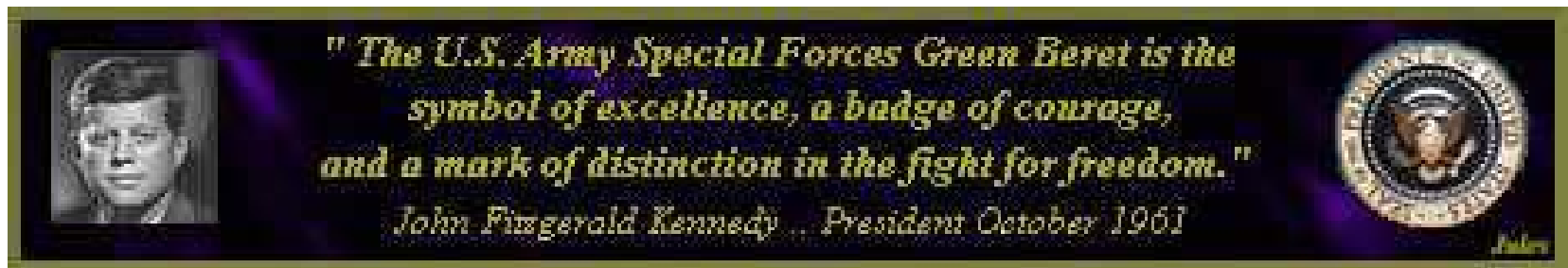




PURPOSE

To enlighten you on the history, composition, and accomplishments of the Special Forces.

“...the Quiet Professionals.”





AGENDA

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DEFINITIONS

- Guerrilla Warfare is defined as -
"fighting by irregular troops (guerrillas) within areas occupied by the enemy."
- Unconventional Warfare - a broad spectrum of military and paramilitary operations, normally of long duration, predominately conducted by indigenous or surrogate forces who are organized, trained, equipped, supported, and directed in varying degrees by and external source. UW includes guerrilla warfare and other direct offensive, low-visibility, covert, or clandestine operations, as well as the indirect activities of subversion, sabotage, intelligence activities, and unconventional assisted recovery.





OSS/WWII

- WWII - US had no Psychological or Unconventional Warfare capability.
- Roosevelt establishes Office of Coordinator of Information on 11 July 1941.
- Headed by William J. “Wild Bill” Donovan
- COI dissolved and renamed Office of Strategic Services.
- Operators were primarily military personnel with various skills.





OSS/WWII, (cont.)

- Dec 1942 - JCS 155/4D - gave OSS responsibility for the organization and conduct of guerilla warfare, and specified that personnel employed in guerilla warfare be limited to organizers, fomenters and operational nuclei of guerilla units.





DETACHMENT 101

Burma



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Jedburgh Teams

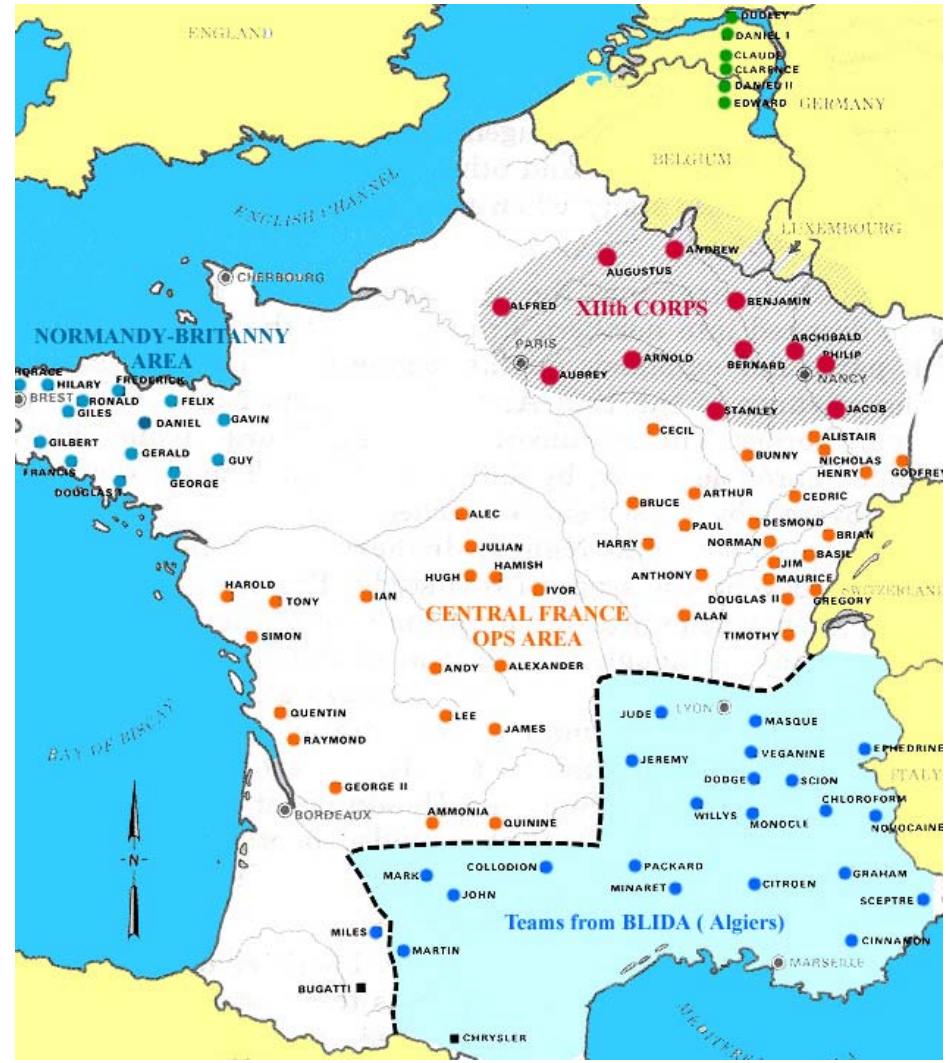


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Jedburgh Team Missions





WWII - PHILIPPINES





KOREAN WAR

Unconventional Warfare Units

- WOLFPACK
- KIRKLAND
- LEOPARD

Units comprised of a handful of US officers and enlisted men and several thousand partisan North Koreans and operated mainly behind North Korean lines.





SPECIAL FORCES CREATION

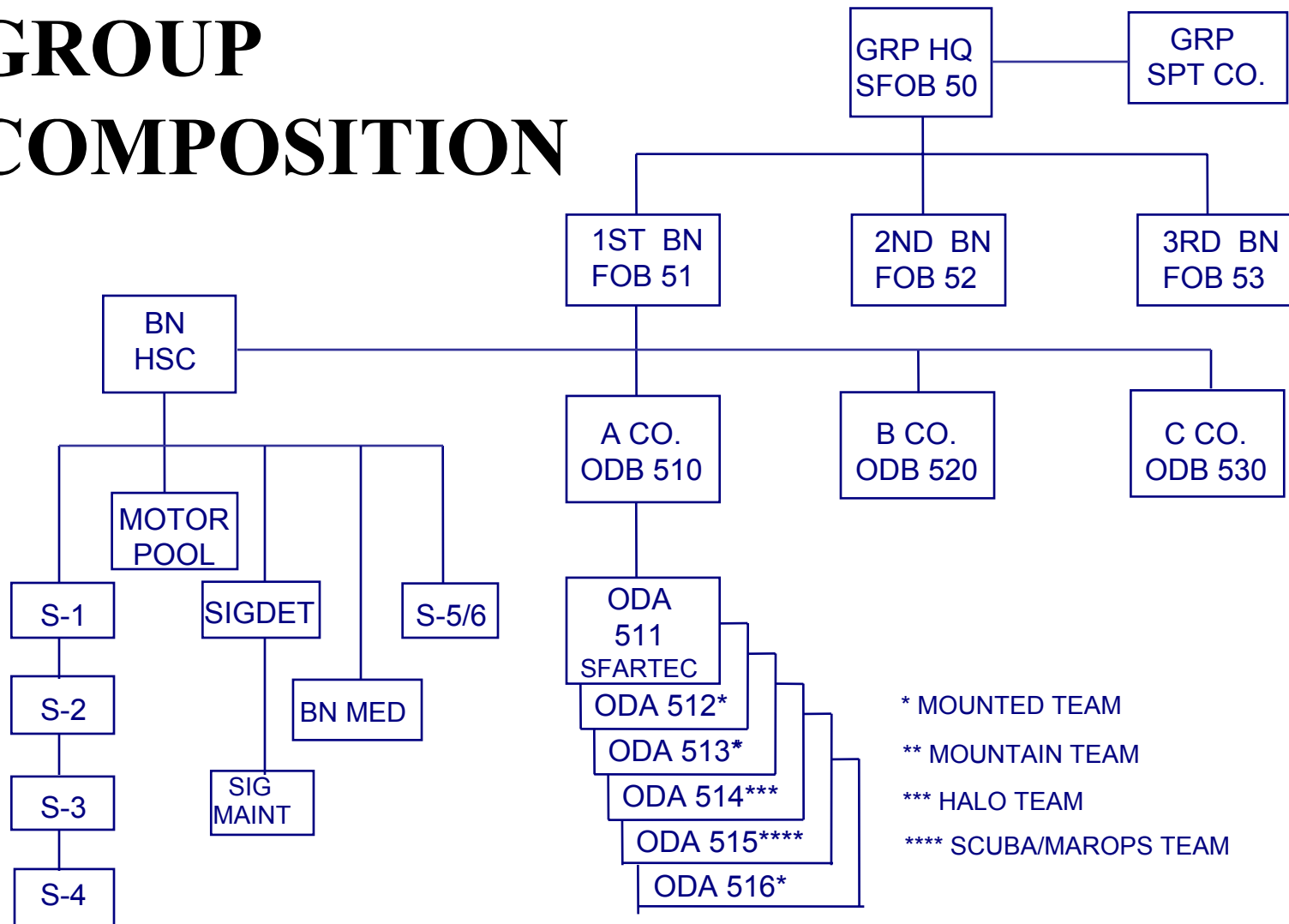


COL. Aaron Banks
Father of Special Forces





GROUP COMPOSITION





DETACHMENT COMPOSITION



DETACHMENT COMMANDER - 18A



DETACHMENT WARRANT - 180A



TEAM SERGEANT - 18Z



ASST OPS &
INTEL 18F



SR. WEAPONS
18B



SR. ENGINEER
18C



SR. MEDIC
18D



SR. COMMO
18E



JR. WEAPONS



JR. ENGINEER



JR. MEDIC



JR. COMMO

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MISSIONS



- Counter-terrorism, direct action, strategic reconnaissance, psychological warfare, civil affairs, and training foreign military and para-military forces in counter-insurgency operations.
- Special Forces soldiers are diplomats and teachers trained in foreign languages and called on to teach military skills to people around the world.
- Teams operate in urban, jungle, desert, mountain, maritime, and arctic environments and are sometimes called on to survive for months at a time behind enemy lines.





SPECIAL FORCES GROUPS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION(S)</u>	<u>AREA ORIENTATION</u>
1st SWTG	Ft. Bragg, NC	Special Warfare Training Group, responsible for all US Army Special Operations Training and Evaluation - Worldwide
1st SFG(A)	Ft. Lewis, WA / Torey Station, Okinawa	Pacific Rim, NE & SE Asia
3rd SFG(A)	Ft. Bragg, NC	Sub-Saharan Africa, SW Asia
5th SFG(A)	Ft. Campbell, KY / (Qatar)	Mid-East, Horn of Africa, SW Asia
7th SFG(A)	Ft. Bragg, NC	Caribbean Basin, Central and South America
10th SFG(A)	Ft. Carson, CO / Stuttgart, GE	Europe, Mediterranean, & NW Asia
19th SFG(A)	Salt Lake City, UT	NG, augment AD SF, has companies spread across the continental US
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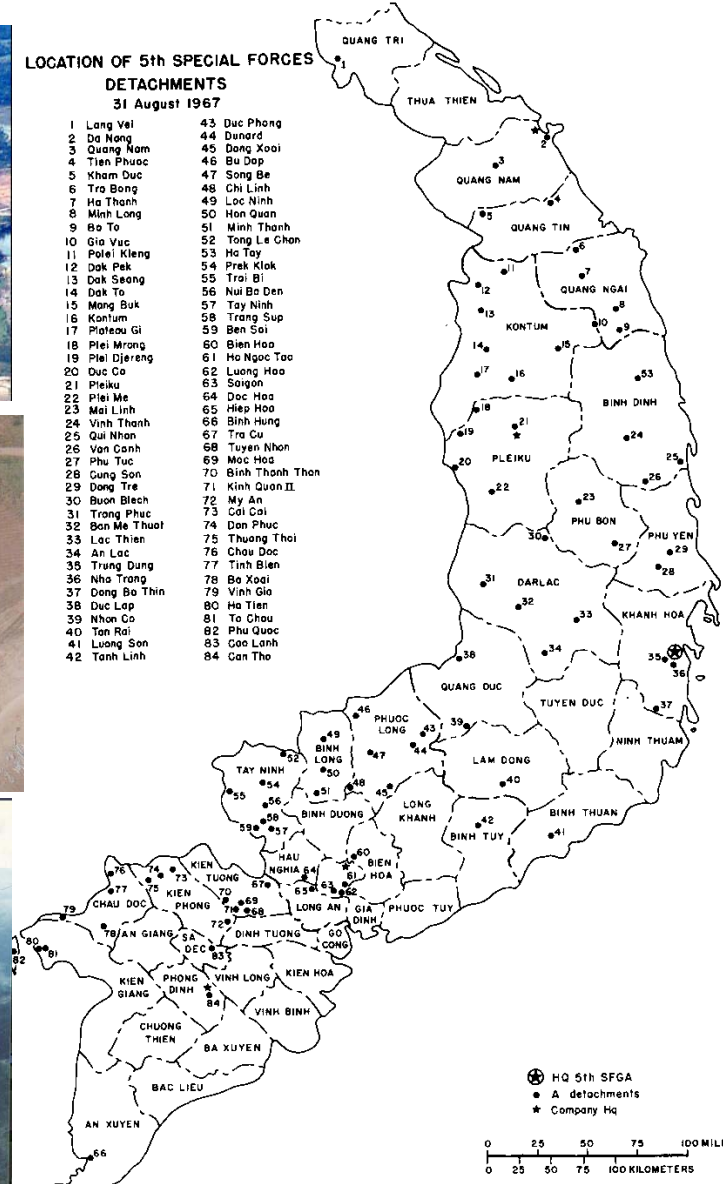


VIETNAM/SE ASIA



LOCATION OF 5th SPECIAL FORCES
DETACHMENTS
31 August 1967

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| 1 Lang Vei | 43 Duc Phong |
| 2 Da Nang | 44 Dunard |
| 3 Quang Nam | 45 Dong Xoai |
| 4 Tien Phuoc | 46 Bu Dop |
| 5 Kham Duc | 47 Song Be |
| 6 Tra Bong | 48 Chi Linh |
| 7 Ha Thanh | 49 Loc Ninh |
| 8 Minh Long | 50 Hon Quan |
| 9 Ba To | 51 Minh Thanh |
| 10 Gia Vuc | 52 Tang La Chan |
| 11 Ploi Kiang | 53 Ho Tay |
| 12 Dak Pek | 54 Prek Klak |
| 13 Dak Seang | 55 Trai Bi |
| 14 Dak To | 56 Nui Ba Den |
| 15 Mong Buk | 57 Tay Ninh |
| 16 Kon Tum | 58 Trang Sup |
| 17 Plateau Gi | 59 Ben Sai |
| 18 Plei Mrang | 60 Bien Hoa |
| 19 Plei Djerang | 61 Ho Ngoc Tao |
| 20 Duc Co | 62 Luang Hao |
| 21 Pleiku | 63 Saigon |
| 22 Plei Me | 64 Doc Hoa |
| 23 Mai Linh | 65 Hiep Hoa |
| 24 Vinh Thanh | 66 Binh Hung |
| 25 Qui Nhan | 67 Tra Cu |
| 26 Van Canh | 68 Tuyen Nhon |
| 27 Phu Tuc | 69 Moc Hoa |
| 28 Cung Son | 70 Binh Thanh Thon |
| 29 Dong Tre | 71 Kinh Quan II |
| 30 Buon Blech | 72 My An |
| 31 Trang Phuoc | 73 Cai Cai |
| 32 Ban Ma Thuat | 74 Dan Phuoc |
| 33 Lac Thien | 75 Thuang Thoi |
| 34 An Lac | 76 Chau Doc |
| 35 Trung Dung | 77 Tinh Bien |
| 36 Nha Trang | 78 Ba Xoi |
| 37 Dong Ba Thon | 79 Vinh Gia |
| 38 Duc Lap | 80 Ha Tien |
| 39 Nhon Co | 81 To Chau |
| 40 Tan Rai | 82 Phu Quoc |
| 41 Luong Son | 83 Gao Lanh |
| 42 Tanh Linh | 84 Gan Tho |





UNCLASS SF OPERATIONS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1957 - 1975	Counter-Insurgency	Southeast Asia
1967 - 1968	Counter-Insurgency	Bolivia
1970	Son Tay Raid	North Vietnam
1980	Incursion	Iran
1982 - 1993	Counter-Insurgency	El Salvador
1989	Just Cause	Panama
1990	Desert Shield	Kuwait-Iraq
1991	Desert Storm	Iraq-Kuwait
1991	Provide Comfort	Northern Iraq
1992	Restore Hope	Somalia
1994	Uphold Democracy	Haiti
1994 - Present	UN Charter	Bosnia
1999	Op Allied Force	Kosovo
2001 - Present	Enduring Freedom	Afghanistan/Philippines





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5th Special Forces Group(Airborne)

Most Decorated Unit in SE Asia

"First In....Last Out"

20 Campaign Streamers

Group medals:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army) Vietnam 1966-1968

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) Vietnam 1968

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam 1964-1969

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, 1st Class, Vietnam 1968-1970

18

Congressional Medal of Honor
9 Posthumously

90

Distinguished Service Cross

814

Silver Star

13,234

Bronze Star

2,658

Purple Heart





ACCOMPLISHMENTS, (cont.)

Valorous Unit Award

Superior Unit Award

Joint Meritorious Unit Awards

2 - Posthumous Medal of Honor recipients for Somalia

- Captured Communist guerilla leader Che Guerva.
- Involved in the death of Colombian Drug Lord Pablo Escobar.
- Captured Panamanian Drug Lord Manuel Noriega
- Responsible for the deaths and capture of numerous Taliban and Al Queda leaders





Summary



To liberate the oppressed





Questions?





Conclusion

